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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Opinion AGAINST Proposed Settlement

Dear Sir/Ma'm,

I am writing to let you know of my opinion of the US DOJ settlement that has been proposed with MS. With all due respect, I humbly submit to you that the terms of the settlement is not enough, and should include more measures that can be said to be "tough". The very fact that none of Micro Soft' executives have owned up that their actions have caused "significant" harm to their Competitors, and hence the Consumers at large, goes on to show that they are indeed not repentant of their deeds, and it would not be surprising to note they will breach any of the said terms of the agreement, or back away from fair business practices. A very good example is the case of Micro Soft' case during the 1995 case with the US DOJ, when it violated the terms of the agreement reached between both the parties.

According to me,

"The best way to rectify a mistake is to own up to the shortcomings, and take corrective and preventive measures to lessen the impact of their wrongdoings . Instead of doing so, and rather substantiating one' mistakes, the person only goes on to make a bigger mistake."

I hope that this statement crisply summarises my thoughts, and of a person who looks forward to an industry that indulges in healthy competition and best practices that are ultimately aimed at the welfare of the Consumer.

Sincerely,

Regards,

Nataraj

"The only thing for a good person to let evil triumph, is to do nothing"